



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government, KY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in the southeastern corner of West Louisville, the 2,100-acre Park Hill Industrial Corridor (population 5,096) is Louisville's former manufacturing center. This area has experienced a decline in population and significant job losses as a result of economic restructuring and plant closures. The unemployment rate in the target area is 16 percent. More than 80 percent of residents are African-American, and 47.6



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory sites and conduct five to seven Phase I and two to four Phase II environmental site assessments in the Park Hill Industrial Corridor of the City of Louisville. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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percent live below the poverty level. The corridor is marred with abandoned, vacant, or underused industrial brownfields. The threat of contamination, whether perceived or real, stifles redevelopment in the area. Brownfields assessment is expected to promote site cleanup, facilitate redevelopment, and attract private investment in the Park Hill Industrial Corridor and West Louisville.